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SUBJECT: MINAWI UPBEAT ON PEACE IN DARFUR, BUT NOT IN CHAD

Classified By: CDA Cameron Hume, Reason: Section 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Summary: SLA/M leader Minawi told the Charge he has had few problems since signing the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA). However, Minawi's troops continue to be harassed by Chadian militiamen and JEM forces in West Darfur. Minawi agreed to release Suleiman Jamous to his family under AU and UN auspices, but did not set a date. He is looking forward to the upcoming AU Joint Commission in Addis Ababa and to his own visit to the White House in July. End summary.

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People Happy with Peace, Although IDPs Turned Against DPA  
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¶2. (C) The situation in north and south Darfur has improved after the DPA, SLM/A leader Mini Minawi told CDA Hume on June 19 in El Fasher. The people are &very happy8 with the peace, though Abdel Wahid al-Nur,s faction has turned IDPs at Kalma, Zam Zam, and Abu Shouk camps against the DPA.

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Mini Problems: Janjaweed Disarmament, Chadian/JEM Forces  
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¶3. (C) Minawi said he has had only two &small problems:8 depending on the government to disarm the janjaweed, and attacks by joint Chadian militia/JEM forces. The day after he signed the DPA, a combined force of Chadian militiamen, JEM troops, Sudanese &janjaweed,8 and &foreign mercenaries8 attacked Minawi,s troops in north Darfur State. Minawi has seen Chadian president Idriss Deby four times in the past six weeks to stop the fighting, but Deby replied that &peace is not in our benefit.8

¶4. (C) According to Minawi, these combined forces have had no real identity until now. They are led by Sharif Habil, funded and armed by the Chadian government, and recruit fighters from IDP and refugee camps on both sides of the Chad-Sudan border. They have recruited a number of child soldiers. They attacked Minawi,s forces in northern West Darfur State again on June 15-16, but quickly retreated back across the border.

¶5. (C) Minawi had no information about an imminent attack by Chadian anti-government rebels in southern West Darfur State, though he believes they are supported by the Sudanese government. The Chadian forces fighting him in northern West Darfur State are a completely separate force, he said.

¶6. (C) Minawi also confirmed reports that a Libyan delegation led by the Libyan ambassador to Sudan had visited Darfur on June 18 to monitor conditions on the border.

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Suleiman Jamous to be Released, No Date Provided  
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17. (C) Hume asked about Suleiman Jamous, who had been detained by Minawi's forces. Minawi complained that Jamous had accused him of being aligned with Hassan al-Turabi's Popular Congress Party, but agreed to release Jamous to his family under AU and UN auspices. He did not give a date.

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Mini Looks Forward to AU Joint Commission, White House Trip  
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18. (C) Minawi said he is looking forward to the upcoming AU Joint Commission for Darfur meeting in Addis Ababa, and was sending his cousin Ali Traio to represent him. He is also looking forward to his own visit to the White House in July. He wants to transform the SLA/M from a group with military mentality to a viable political party. The UK is helping the process by providing English teachers and media advisors, and Minawi appreciates U.S. efforts to help him establish offices in Khartoum and El Fasher.

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Ali Traio: Deby Supporting Chadian Militia, JEM Forces  
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19. (C) In a separate meeting in Juba on June 22, Minawi's representative Ali Traio told Hume that Chadian President Deby is adamant about supporting Chadian militia/JEM forces in West Darfur, as retaliation for Sudan's support of Chadian anti-government rebels in the region. Now that Minawi has signed the DPA with the government, Deby has no

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reason to help him. Ali also asked the United States to provide increased compensation for IDPs in Darfur, in hopes of inducing Abdel Wahid al-Nur to join the DPA. Hume responded that no one expected IDPs to return home and rebuild their lives without adequate food, water, seeds, and livestock, but that it would be very difficult for the United States to give out cash. Hume urged Ali to discuss these issues with A/S Frazer in Addis Ababa.

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